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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kouchi Takasaki
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Filed : October 24, 2000
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-20 by rewriting same to read as follows.

as 1. (Amended) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising: